

# Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

*Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America  
on Great Lakes Water Quality, 1978, as Amended on October 16, 1983,  
and on November 18, 1987*

*Signed September 7, 2012  
Entered into force February 12, 2013*



Canada

## Progress Report of the Parties

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# Update on development of Report

- Working timeline for production of report
- High-level outline / Table of Contents for Report
- Developing a pilot chapter annex
- Co-Leads gathering information and planning their draft chapters



# Working Timeline for developing Report

- Summer 2015 to March 2016 – drafting
- April 2016 – shared with GLEC members [and observers???
- May 2016 – GLEC members input [and will consider observer input???
- Late May 2016 – final draft sent to GLEC in advance of meeting
- June 2016 – final draft presented at GLEC
- June to August 2016 – final approvals, translation, posting
- August/September 2016 – final Report posted in advance of Great Lakes Public Forum





# Structure of Report

- Approximately 50 pages in length
- Will report over the first three years of implementation of the GLWQA. from February 2013 to February 2016
- Will document binational and domestic actions
- Reporting will be against key commitments from the Articles and key commitments from the Annexes





# Outline of Report

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
  - Overview of 2012 Agreement and History
  - Purpose and Structure of Progress Report
- Reporting against Key Articles
  - Objectives (Article 3)
  - GLEC, Forum, Summit, Subcommittees (Article 5)
  - Notification (Article 6)
  - Role in IJC Boards (Article 8)
- Reporting against 10 Annexes (separate chapters)
  - Overview of issue; relevant State of Lake information
  - Activities reported against Key Commitments and the Binational Priorities for Science and Action
- Concluding remarks



